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Applicant(s): N. WATANABE, et al

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For: NETWORK-ATTACHED DISK UNIT WITH DATA PROTECTION
FUNCTION AND SERVER PROTECTING DATA STORED IN
NETWORK-ATTACHED DISK DEVICE

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March 19, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action December 19, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.